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Dr. Maxine Hayes is the State Health Officer for the Washington State Department of Health. She advises the Governor and the Department of Health Secretary on issues ranging from emergency response to outbreaks (such as *E. coli* outbreaks) to preventing childhood illness. She works closely with the medical community, local health departments, and community groups to give the public the latest scientific information on how to become and stay healthy, to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, and to protect the public's health.

Dr. Hayes also serves as the health agency contact for non-emergency situations, such as establishing a core science group in the agency, ensuring that core science makes it to the policy table in agency decision-making. This work includes learning department issues and becoming an agency voice on most clinical/medical issues. Dr. Hayes also works with the provider community, including the health officers of local health jurisdictions, in an effort to collaborate on improving health outcomes for Washington residents. Her goals include strengthening interagency relationships in Washington State, and improving the overall public health agenda.

Prior to her appointment as Health Officer, Dr. Hayes was previously the Assistant Secretary of Community and Family Health. As Assistant Secretary, she had responsibility for the statewide coordination of the following programs: WIC Nutrition, Maternal and Child Health, Family Planning, Health Promotion, Heart Disease and Cancer Prevention, Immunization, TB Control, HIV/AIDS and STD, and Chronic Conditions and Injury Prevention.

Dr. Hayes is also clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and on the MCH faculty of the School of Public Health. She is past president of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, and is chair of the Maternal and Child Health Section of the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Hayes is the 1999 Distinguished Alumna of the Year for the State University of New York at Buffalo and was recently awarded the Stockton Kimball Award. She was recently presented an honorary Doctorate of Science by former Acting Surgeon General and President of Spelman College, Dr. Audrey Manley. She is the recipient of many awards and honors for her work in maternal and child health, including the American Medical Association's 2002 Dr. Nathan Davis Award. Dr. Hayes is also a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.